

"WAR GUILT" CASES DROP

Leipzig Supreme Court Dismisses Ninety-Three of Them.

NOT INNOCENT OR GUILTY

There Are 721 Cases Still Pending—Allies Left Them to Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The supreme court of Leipzig, in a secret session to-day, dismissed ninety-three "war guilt" cases, tried in accordance with the Versailles treaties.

Generals Von Gallwitz, Von Mackensen, Von Linsing, Von Bellow and Von Dickut and Professor Goetz were among those whose cases were dropped.

Many witnesses were heard but the proceedings were strictly private and Allied representatives were not present. The court declared the defendants had been proven neither absolutely guilty nor innocent of crime against the German law.

Seven hundred and seventy-one cases are pending. The Germans on trial include the former Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, accused of deportations from northern France during the war; General Manteuffel, held responsible for the Louvain outrages; the Duke of Wurttemberg who ordered troop massacres at Namur and other famous officers.

The Allies drew up a long list of those considered guilty and required the Germans themselves to try them.

GUIDE TO R. M. C.

Just Completed By The Job Press of British Whig.

Fresh from the Whig job press for the Christmas season, comes a "Guide to The Royal Military College of Canada," which, beautifully illustrated and issued in close co-operation with the College authorities, will form a treasured souvenir for all who have pleasant memories of the institution across the Bay.

The book is profusely illustrated with views of The Royal Military College and the descriptive matter is of intense interest to all. While originally intended as a help to visitors and tourists going over the institution, it is something which all friends of the College will be glad to have. Many improvements have been made at the College, and the Guide explains them in detail. The Guide has many traditions and the book shows their importance.

Printed on a coated paper and retailed at the popular price of 25c, it offers to citizens and visitors a means of obtaining a beautiful souvenir of the Limestone City and Canada's West Point. Though only placed on sale on Thursday morning, many expressions of admiration have been received regarding the artistic manner in which the book has been printed, and it is anticipated that the first edition printed will be speedily exhausted.

The Guide to the R.M.C. can be purchased at Uglow's, College Book Store, McAuley's Book Store, McCall's Cigar Store, Baker's Cigar Store, or at the office of the Whig.

GUERRILLA WARFARE BREAKS OUT IN ITALY

The Fascist and Their Opponents Are Learning Things From Ireland.

Rome, Dec. 21.—Guerrilla warfare, similar to that in Ireland, broke out between the Fascist and their opponents in different parts of Italy today. A bomb thrown into a group of Fascist at Trieste wounded twenty-four persons, three seriously. A former local Fascist leader was alleged to have hurled the explosive.

At Naples, groups of Fascist attacked a popular newspaper, the Battaglia del Mezzogiorno, because of its anti-Fascist attitude. The office was damaged. The Fascist also attempted to invade the Liberal newspaper, *Giorno*, which is edited by Matilde Reraco.

Suspended Till Spring.

Work on the new high school building at Carleton Place has been suspended until spring.

TO ARREST MEMBERS OF KU KLUX KLAN

Harrison, N.J., Dec. 21.—Instructions to arrest anyone appearing in the city wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and orders to have the sanity of all such persons determined by physicians were posted to-day by Chief of Police Walsh.



REV. DR. R. J. WILSON of Chalmers church, Kingston, chosen to supervise promotion of church union throughout Canada for the Presbyterians.

MARRIED WHOLE FAMILY.

Mrs. Heiser Moved to Divorce Suit by Mother-in-Law's Attention.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Five of her husband's relations living in their honeymoon flat was had enough for Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Heiser, Mrs. Heiser told Judge Steffen in divorce court yesterday, but when her mother-in-law insisted on sleeping in the same bed with the newly-weds, she thought the limit had been reached.

"Our honeymoon flat became so public I couldn't take a bath without embarrassment," Mrs. Heiser explained. "From June 1st, 1919, when we were married, to June 28th, mother-in-law insisted upon sleeping with us. Every night she would let us retire first, and then she would come in."

Lady Rhonda Granted Divorce in London

London, Dec. 21.—Lady Rhonda was granted a divorce today from her husband, Sir Humphrey Mackworth, on grounds of misconduct and desertion. Lady Rhonda, formerly a militant suffragist and one of the leading figures in the British business world, was denied a seat in the House of Lords last May after a long fight for admission.

Lady Helen Mary Fraser, wife of Sir John Foster widely known newspaper writer, was granted a divorce from her husband to-day on the grounds of misconduct.

TURKEY EXPECTS U.S. TO SIGN PRIVATE TREATY

With the Angora Government Regarding Freedom of the Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 21.—Turkey expects the United States to sign a private treaty with the Angora government regarding the freedom of the straits, according to an exchange telegraph despatch from Lausanne to-day.

"There is good ground for belief that if America will not sign a private treaty with the Kemalists as a result of the Lausanne meetings, at which Ambassador Child has participated, the Turks will not consent to be bound in any way to the regimes proposed by the European nations," the Exchange's correspondent cabled.

According to this correspondent, Ambassador Child will proceed at the earliest possible moment to arrange a convention at the United States' own with the Kemalists. Child, he states, already has discussed proposition with Ismet Pasha and covered the question of the rights of American ships in time of war and of peace to pass through the straits of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus.

"This would put America in a privileged position similar to that already enjoyed by the United States through its separate treaty with Germany," the correspondent comments.

Used Strong Words.

Lausanne, Dec. 21.—Strong words between ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece and Ristanur Bay, Turkish nationalist delegate, caused Signor Montano, president of the Near East conference commission on minorities, to bring this morning's session of the commission to an abrupt close.

The dispute was over the question of liberty of emigration. M. Venizelos bitterly attacked the Angora government and protested against the alleged deportation of Greeks by thousands from Anatolia. Riza Nur replied in the same vein, charging Venizelos with being responsible for the Turco-Greek war and its consequences.

Navigation on Lakes Ended Thursday Night

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Navigation on the Great Lakes closed officially Thursday midnight when the efforts of the Federal department of marine and fisheries to keep the way open, charted and lighted for the lake boats ended.

The amount of grain brought down from Fort William between December 1st and December 15th this year was 8,773,000 bushels, compared with 5,252,360 bushels in the same period of last year.

THROWS OUT HIS APPEAL

Edward Bywater Must Die For Slaying Lover's Husband.

CONVICTED WIFE'S APPEAL

Also Before the Lord Chief Justice—Will England Hang a Woman?

London, Dec. 21.—The lord chief justice today dismissed the appeal of Edward Bywaters against sentence of death for the murder of the husband of Mrs. Edith Thompson.

Mrs. Thompson, sentenced jointly with Bywaters for the murder, also appealed and her case, was proceeding. Mrs. Thompson was the first woman in years to receive a death penalty for murder. During the trial it was brought out that she and Bywaters, alleged to have been her lover, sought repeatedly to poison Thompson, without success.

Passionate love letters, interspersed with suggestions for killing the husband, were exchanged by the accused couple. Finally, one night Thompson was found in the arms of his wife on a street corner, dying from stab wounds.

A dramatic moment in the trial came when Mrs. Thompson admitted attempts to poison her husband, but said she did not want to kill him but "merely to weaken him so that if he should have a heart attack he would not recover."

VICTIM OF ERRONEOUS INFORMATION HE SAYS

No Right to Say Millions Are Thrown Away on Civil Service.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The declaration of W. C. Good, M.P., before the North Brant progressive association recently that many millions of dollars were being thrown away on civil service, has drawn a reply from F. E. Conley, president of the Ottawa branch of the Dominion postal clerks' association. He declares that when a man of Mr. Good's calibre gives vent to defamatory utterances against a service which, from obvious lack of knowledge he has no right to discuss, he is a victim of erroneous information rather than the man who would want to mislead the public for no better reason than to have something to say.

Ismet Is Conciliatory; No Danger of a Break

Lausanne, Dec. 21.—The meeting of the Near East conference yesterday afternoon for consideration of the disposition of the Turkish straits adjourned at 5:45 p. m. after a conciliatory speech by Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation.

While no arrangements were made for a further meeting, delegates leaving the auditorium said progress had been made, and that there was no danger of a break in the negotiations.

HAVE SHIELDED NO ONE SAYS QUEBEC PREMIER

Who Gives Evidence Before Commission in Blanche Garneau Murder Case.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—"I swear we have shielded no one. I swear we have not tried to hinder the course of justice and that we have done our best to find the guilty."

So declared Premier Taschereau this afternoon to the Royal Commission enquiring into the murder of Blanche Garneau.

The premier appearing voluntarily for examination by Armand Lavergne, K.C., counsel for John H. Roberts. The interrogation was ruffled from time to time but the expected storms failed to materialize.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY

In Need of Aid for Christmas and New Year Season.

It has been announced by Mr. Baldwin, superintendent of the House of Industry, that his institution has so far been overlooked in the matter of Christmas donations. There are forty-nine old people without means or friends at this institution and they look forward to Christmas as one of the few bright spots left in their lives. The various charitable organizations have been working hard around the city but the House of Industry seems to have been overlooked. Any donations from private parties will be thankfully received.

CLAIMS BIG DAMAGES FOR HIS DISMISSAL

Prof. W. G. Smith Enters Suit Against Wesley College, Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Claiming \$50,000 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal, Professor W. G. Smith has entered suit against Wesley College here. He has registered a statement of claim in the King's Bench and the announcement is made that the college board has decided unanimously to fight the claim.

Prof. Smith, formerly a member of the Toronto university faculty for twenty years, was appointed to the Wesley College September 1st, 1921, continuing as a member of the staff to July 5th 1922, when he was advised that his services were no longer required.

Great French Towns Said to Have No Unemployment

Paris, Dec. 21.—There is practically no unemployment in the great French towns. The total number of persons receiving relief throughout France last week was only 2,604, including 318 in the Seine Department, which takes in Paris. The government recently advertised for over 3,000 laborers, but received not a single response. There has been an overwhelming response, however, to calls for such positions as tax collectors, rural postmen and lock-keepers.

ANGLICANS ARE NOT KEEN FOR POLITICS

Not Enthusiastic Over Movement to Make Clergy Eligible For Parliament.

London, Dec. 21.—A bill to remove the disability on clergymen of the Anglican church becoming members of parliament will be introduced at the next session of parliament with the backing of those stalwart churchmen, Lord Salisbury and Lord Robert Cecil.

It is stated that many supporters of the present government will urge Premier Bonar Law to give the measure cabinet support, believing that the present anomaly is indefensible where the Free church ministers can become members of parliament and Anglican parsons cannot.

Dismissed Betting Charge.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Magistrate Jones yesterday dismissed a charge against Samuel Litchman of illegally supplying betting information to the public, in connection with daily publication of a last minute sheet, giving sundry information on horse racing. The magistrate based his decision on a previous case against the publishers of the Daily Racing Form which was held by the higher courts to be quite legal.

Challenged to Duel.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Minister of the Colonies Franck has challenged former Premier Paul Hymans to a duel. M. Franck sent his seconds to M. Hymans yesterday after sharp words had passed between them in the chamber of deputies.

Rejected Sutor Shot Girl And Then Killed Himself

New York, Dec. 21.—Urbana Miranda, a decorator of Christmas paper gifts, had never been able to persuade Lola Toro, a pretty 17-year-old Spanish girl, who lived at 76 East 109th street, to marry him. So last night he laid in wait for her at her home, shot her through the neck, and when cornered at his home by detectives a few minutes later, killed himself with a shot through the head. The girl may also die.

Plenty Coal in Stratford.

Stratford, Dec. 21.—Some fifty men are employed by the G. T. R. unloading coal, which is being placed in stock in the east end of the yards, in preparation for the winter months. Coal is coming to the city in large quantities, and there is no dearth of either fuel or cars. Reserves supplies at Palmerston and other divisional points have been replenished and a quantity of fuel used during the strike of the United States coal miners has been replaced.

LIEUT.-COMMANDER E. HILTON

is chief National Liberal whip in the British Commons, succeeding C. A. MeSard.

RECEIPT TAX IS EXPLAINED

Some Wrong Ideas Dispelled By Customs Department.

LIST OF THINGS GIVEN

On Which Tax Is Payable—All Cash Register Slips Not Taxable.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The Customs Department in response to many questions which have been addressed to its officials concerning the interpretation of the Receipt tax, has issued instructions to collectors of customs and excise which appear in a special issue of the official gazette published to-day.

They will serve to dispel much misconception and a good deal of misinformation which has been circulated regarding the new taxation. The circular sent out by M. M. Trower, of the Retail Merchants' Association, which provoked the recent flood of telegrams, stated specifically that the new taxation "would disrupt every cash and credit sales slip and cash register system that is now in existence throughout Canada." The instructions now issued state specifically that "Counter sales slips and cash register receipts are not taxable, provided no words implying or stating acknowledgement of the receipt or the payment of money appear thereon."

The usual form of cash register receipt is: "This is the amount of your purchase, or similar wording which clearly does not come within the application of the tax."

Payrolls Taxable.

The other rulings are, briefly, as follows:—

Payrolls, the signature of an employee thereon, being a receipt for wages, are taxable in respect of each such signature.

Receipts for payments of legacies are taxable. A receipt for money in a deed or mortgage is taxable.

Receipts for payments of taxes, except those given to or by the Dominion or a Provincial Government are taxable.

Individual freight bills and per-fodical statement of same, acknowledging receipt of payment are taxable.

Customs house brokers receipts are taxable.

All insurance policies, fire, life, marine, or casualty, whereon the payment of money is acknowledged are taxable.

Receipts drawn outside of Canada, but not valid until countersigned in Canada are taxable.

Voucher checks and checks with receipts endorsed thereon when drawn upon or addressed to a bank are not taxable as receipts.

Remitter's counterfoil being part of a taxable express money order, is not taxable as a receipt.

A Receipt Defined.

Letters forwarded by mail, also postcards, acknowledging the payment of money, are regarded as letters and cards and are not subject to this tax.

In regard to this section it is noted that section ten of the amendment to the new act, as passed in June, 1922, defines a receipt as "a note, memorandum or writing." If this is taken literally even a note acknowledging receipt of a check might be thought to come under the act, but the minister has given a very liberal interpretation to the section.

In referring to the matter of cash register receipts, which has caused the most discussion, the minister states that unless they acknowledge specifically the receipt of a payment of money, which is not usual, they are simply a memorandum of money paid. The purchaser gets the goods which constitute his receipt.



BRIG-GEN. VICTOR W. ODLUM of Vancouver, has resigned from the People's Prohibition Party of British Columbia, in consequence of criticisms of that province uttered by Rev. A. E. Cooke, chairman of the party.

PARDON FOR ARBUCKLE AS CHRISTMAS TOKEN

"Fatty" May Appear Again in the Movies at Hollywood, California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle yesterday was given a Christmas "pardon" by W. H. Hays, movie mentor, who banished him from filmdom almost a year ago. Arbuckle was barred from the films following his acquittal of charges of manslaughter in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe.

In announcing the "pardon" Hays declared that he believed the spirit of Christmas and of Christ's teachings would serve as a guide, both for Arbuckle in his future conduct and for the public in its attitude toward him.

No attempt will be made to release Arbuckle's films for a number of months, and although the most famous fat man in the world may go back to work on the Hollywood "lots" none of his new pictures will be released before the fall of 1923.

NO WOMEN ARE HELD.

In Turkish Harms Who Do Not Wish To Be There.

Lausanne, Dec. 21.—Turkish harms came before the Lausanne Conference yesterday when a meeting of the minorities sub-committee of the allies presented a resolution, passed at the last Assembly of the League of Nations at the instance of Mme. Vaccarisco of Rumania, demanding that the representatives of the Christian nations have the right to take from Turkish harms Christian women who did not wish to be there.

Turkish delegates replied that there were not any women in Turkish harms who did not wish to be there. They said that, in any case, no foreign representatives would be permitted to disturb Turkish harms, which, under the law of the land, are regarded as sacred as the homes in any other country.

Montreal Visit Informal.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy, will leave Ottawa for Montreal at noon on Thursday, January 4th and will occupy the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. L. Ross, until the morning of Friday, January 12th, when they return to the capital.

The forthcoming visit of Their Excellencies to Montreal will be of a brief and informal character owing to the approach of the session of parliament and the necessary preliminaries in connection with the same and it is understood there will be no official entertainment given by them.

Heir to Carnegie Millions.

New York, Dec. 21.—The birth of a grandson of the late Andrew Carnegie was announced yesterday. The mother is Mrs. Roswell Miller, only child of the ironmaster. She was married to Mr. Miller, now an instructor in New York University, on April 23rd, 1919. A daughter was born to them in June 1920.

Chief National Liberal Whip.

London, Dec. 21.—Lieut.-Commander E. Hilton Young (Norwich) has been appointed chief National Liberal whip on the resignation of C. A. McCurdy (Northumberland), who becomes chairman of the company owning the Daily Chronicle and Lloyd's News.

No Wine in Taverns.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—Information is that the government will not amend the Liquor Act to permit tavern keepers to sell wine by the glass.

PREMIER BONAR LAW LOSES HIS VOICE

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Bonar Law of Great Britain, was reported today to have almost entirely lost the use of his voice, as result of a severe cold. The prime minister's condition, however, is said to be "not alarming."

A CLEAN-UP AT THOROLD

Claimed That the Government Should Take Action.

TOO MUCH LAWLESSNESS

Which Brings Forth a Threat From Ku Klux Klan Supporters.

St. Catharines, Dec. 21.—There has been so much lawlessness in and around Thorold in the past two or three years that many sober-minded people there and here are not surprised to hear that some organization like the Ku Klux Klan have taken a hand in the Joseph Trueman murder case. There was the murder a little over two years ago of Little Margaret Boucock, which caused a riot and near lynching in Thorold. The perpetrator of the deed was never punished. That same year another little girl disappeared from Thorold, and not a trace of her has ever been found. The Boucock child's body was discovered buried in a lonely spot on the banks of Welland ship canal. David McNeal, who was nearly Canada's firstynch law victim, was acquitted of the Boucock murder when put on his trial. Those crimes were of the order somewhat common in some communities.

The two latest murders in Thorold, the killing of Adam Solton by three swabbing Russians looking for liquor, who apparently didn't care who saw them, and this latest crime, the killing of "Joe" Trueman, the popular policeman who dared to interfere with the bootleggers, most of whom are foreigners, seem to indicate that a section at least of the foreign element around Thorold does not hold in much respect the laws of Canada.

The outside world scarcely realizes the seriousness of the situation in and around Thorold and in fact in other parts of Niagara district. Thorold has achieved a bad reputation because of the bootlegging operation just outside the town. Many Thorold people believe the government should take drastic action immediately and clean up things in the foreign quarter. That the government should increase the reward for Joseph Trueman's murderer which is now just a thousand dollars to a large sum and send a big force of men into the district to search out the facts is the opinion of many people not only in Thorold but in St. Catharines as well.

Rheims To Be Reconstituted Entirely Within Five Years

Paris, Dec. 21.—It is anticipated that within five years the city of Rheims will be entirely reconstituted after the destruction caused by the Germans during the war. This year 1,500 houses which were wholly or partially destroyed have been rebuilt, and the construction of 600 new buildings is progressing.

It is stated that the future progress of Rheims will depend, in a great measure on the way in which Germany fulfils her obligations to France.

Col. Grant Morden to Pay Visit to Canada Shortly

London, Dec. 21.—Col. Grant Morden, the latest addition to the ranks of Canadian owners of British newspapers, will pay a visit to Canada in January. Col. Morden's recent purchase, The People, has been steadily regaining ground under its new ownership and management and now has a circulation of half-a-million copies, or slightly more than Lord Beaverbrook's weekly newspaper, the Sunday Express.

Elects Trial by Jury.

Brockville, Dec. 21.—Watkins Leadbeater, alias John Toohay, brought here from Montreal last week on a charge of forgery arising out of a business deal in Kempsville last September, was brought before Judge Dowdsley yesterday afternoon and elected to be tried by a jury. His case will not come up until the general sessions next June. Leadbeater, in the meantime, being confined in jail.

Gift for Every Child.

Brockville, Dec. 21.—A Christmas present for every child in the town under the age of twelve is promised at the community Christmas tree to be held under the auspices of the Rotary Club. The gifts are made possible through a large donation from W. H. Comstock.

Is Given Three-year Term.

Belleville, Dec. 21.—Geo. Sheedy, of Trenton, aged seventeen, who with a younger lad stole three motors in Trenton, Corbyville and Picton, has been sent down by Magistrate O'Rourke, of Trenton, for three years in penitentiary.